GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6704
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2003
REQUIREMENT OF LOCO WHEELS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the annual requirements of loco wheels in Indian Railways;

(b) the units which are supplying these loco wheels;

(c) whether the Railways import large number of loco wheels;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years, country-wise;

(e) whether the poor quality of wheels has caused several accidents; and

(f) if so, the steps proposed to acquire high quality wheels?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b) The details are shown in Appendix.

(c) No, Sir. All wheels for conventional locos constituting almost 90% of annual requirement are indigenously procured from Durgapur Steel Plant (SAIL) and Rail Wheel Factory, Bangalore. Balance wheels are presently imported as their low requirement does not provide economies of scale for indigenisation Concurrently, they are also being developed indigenously so as to become available as and when their requirements grow in future.

(d) The details are shown in Appendix.

(e) No, Sir,

(f) However, periodical quality audit of manufacturing process of indigenous sources is being carried out by RDSO to ensurequality of wheels.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6704 BY SHRI BASAVARAJ TO BE ANSWERED ON 08-05-2003 REGARDING REQUIREMENT OF LOCO WHEELS.

THE DETAILS OF REQUIREMENTS, SOURCE AND EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON IMPORT OF LOCO WHEELS DURIN 3 YEARS ARE GIVEN BELOW.

Year	Requirement (in Nos.)	Indig- enous	Source Quantity Imports (Nos.)	Source/Country	Quan- tity (Nos.)	CIF Value in Indian Rupees
2000-01	27284	DSP	16940	M/s Lucchini SPA, Lovere, Italy	42	0.19 crores
		RWF	0	M/s Vyksa Steel Works, Vyksa, Russia	2,647	4.72 crores
				M/s Nizhnedenprovsky Tube Rolling Plant,Ukraine	7,655	16.10 crores
Total :	27284		16940		10,344	21.01 crores
2001-02	15189	DSP	13666	M/s Lucchini SPA, Lovere, Italy	284	0.39 crores
		RWF	750	M/s Nizhnedenprovsky Tube Rolling Plant,Ukraine	489	0.78 crores
Total:	15189		14416		773	1.17 crores

2002-03 16585 DSP 13191 M/s Sumitomo Metal Industries Ltd.,Osaka,Japan 492 1.21 crores
RWF 1496 M/s Nizhnedenprovsky Tube Rolling Plant,Ukraine 104 0.16 crores
M/s Bonatrans, A.S.Czech Republic 1302 3.28 crores

Total: 16585 14687 1898 4.65 crores